

I am sending this message to express my displeasure with Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a prime example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Although Sinclair has no outlets in this area, we are well aware, through other media announcements, that this "documentary" elsewhere around the U.S.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. It demonstrates just why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.